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GOV. EASLEY REAPPOINTS FOUR TO INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Raleigh - Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed Rep. Martha B. Alexander (D-Charlotte), Peggy M. Ball of Raleigh, Naomi Howard of Greenville and Rep. Edith D. Warren (D-Farmville) to the North Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council for Children from Birth to Age Five with Disabilities and their Families.

Alexander has been a board member since 1994. She is serving her sixth term in the N.C. House. She chairs the Legislative Redistricting committee and serves on the Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform and Judiciary I. Locally, she serves as a member of the board of directors for the Arts and Sciences Council, the Chemical Dependency Center and Crisis Assistance Ministry. Alexander received her bachelor's degree in education from Florida State University and her master's degree in human development and learning from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Ball has been a board member since 2000. She is the director of the division of child development in the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. Previously, she served as associate director of programs at the N.C. Department of Community Colleges. Ball has worked at all levels of the education system, from a preschool teacher to an English instructor at the university level.

Howard has been a board member since 2002. She is an advocate of children with special needs. She is the mother of a child who has a developmental disability. Howard received her associate's degree from Beaufort Community College in human services and social work.

Warren represents the eighth district in the N.C. House. She chairs the Education Subcommittee on Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education serves on the Education, Local Government I committees. Previously, Warren served as a Pitt County Commissioner from 1997 to 1999. She is a retired elementary school teacher and elementary school principal. Warren received her bachelor's degree in education and her master's degree in education and school administration from East Carolina University.

The council assists the state in carrying out the requirements for participating in the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Amendments of 1991 and in providing early intervention services to children from birth to age five with, or at risk for disabilities. There are 26 members